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SUBJECT: FAA ASSISTANCE TO OMAN

REF: (A) MUSCAT 796 (B) MUSCAT 768 (C) STATE 151661

BEIRUT FOR FAA

- 1. BASED ON AGREEMENT EXECUTED MAY 1, FAA OBTAINED AUTHORIZATION FOR AND ESTABLISHED THREE CAAG POSITIONS. FAA NOW IN PROCESS OF FORMAL AGENCY-WIDE SOLICITATION OF APPLICANTS (PER REF C). IN ADDITION, FAA CONTACTING KNOWN POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO ENCOURAGE INTEREST AND FACILITATE PLANNING.
- 2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, ONCE SELECTION MADE, TRANSFER OF USG EMPLOYEES OVERSEAS ALSO INVOLVES MANDATORY USG SECURITY AND MEDICAL CLEARANCES AND HOST COUNTRY CLEARANCE. THESE TIME CONSUMING CLEARANCES ARE BEYOND CONTROL OF FAA. FAA WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING TO EXPEDITE ARRIVAL PERMANENT PARTY, BUT CANNOT FORESEE SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVING INITIAL ESTIMATES ARRIVAL 6 MONTHS AFTER OMAN GOV'T SIGNATURE MOA. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 3. IN ORDER MEET OMAN GOV'T IMMEDIATE NEED FOR PLANNING ASSISTANCE (REF B) FAA WILLING PROVIDE ONE AIRPORT AND ONE FACILITY PLANNING SPECIALIST ON TDY BASIS. COST OF TDY TO BE CHARGED TO MOA AND ASSUMED CA WOULD PROVIDE FOR THEIR LODGING AS IN CASE WHEATLEY. FAA ALSO AGREEABLE TO OMANGOV PROVIDING GULD AIR TICKET LONDON-MUSCAT FOR TWO TDY PLANNING SPECIALIST (REF A) IN LIEU OF REIMBURSE-MENT FOR FAA TICKET PURCHASE.
- 4. RAYMOND SEIBERT, FAA/WASH FACILITIES PLANNING SPECIALIST WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TDY DEPARTING LONDON GULF AIR AUG. 4.
- 5. FAA WILL ADVISE NAME TDY AIRPORT PLANNING SPECIALIST AND DEPARTURE DATE ASAP. TARGET DATE DEPART LONDON BY AUG. 4.
- $6.\ REQUEST$ OMAN GOV'T ARRANGE OULF AIR BOOKING AND TICKETS FOR LONDON-MUSCAT TRAVEL. KISSINGER

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